

STATE OF MARYLAND
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

FEBRUARY, 1986

AREA	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE		EMPLOYMENT		UNEMPLOYMENT		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	FEBRUARY	JANUARY**	FEBRUARY	JANUARY**	FEBRUARY	JANUARY**	FEBRUARY	JANUARY**	FEBRUARY '85
MARYLAND	2,224,441	2,220,103	2,112,000	2,110,698	112,441	109,405	5.1	4.9	5.5
BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA	1,088,779	1,085,393	1,025,548	1,023,883	63,231	61,510	5.8	5.7	6.2
BALTIMORE CITY	376,418	375,890	348,860	348,293	27,558	27,597	7.3	7.3	7.8
ANNE ARUNDEL	185,486	184,724	177,697	177,408	7,789	7,316	4.2	4.0	4.5
BALTIMORE	324,891	324,304	307,510	307,010	17,381	17,294	5.3	5.3	5.8
CARROLL	51,059	50,393	47,870	47,792	3,189	2,601	6.2	5.2	5.9
HARFORD	73,689	73,140	68,959	68,847	4,730	4,293	6.4	5.9	6.9
HOWARD	63,692	63,575	62,000	61,899	1,692	1,676	2.7	2.6	2.8
QUEEN ANNE'S	13,547	13,367	12,654	12,634	893	733	6.6	5.5	6.9
D. C. AREA	864,256	865,537	838,934	840,103	25,322	25,434	2.9	2.9	3.1
CALVERT	22,286	22,261	21,328	21,358	958	903	4.3	4.1	5.0
CHARLES	45,622	45,581	44,425	44,487	1,197	1,094	2.6	2.4	3.0
FREDERICK	70,766	70,440	67,360	67,454	3,406	2,986	4.8	4.2	5.6
MONTGOMERY	346,979	347,764	338,916	339,388	8,063	8,376	2.3	2.4	2.5
PRINCE GEORGE'S	378,604	379,493	366,905	367,417	11,699	12,076	3.1	3.2	3.2
WESTERN MARYLAND	93,183	92,633	83,508	83,554	9,675	9,079	10.4	9.8	11.9
ALLEGANY	30,566	30,435	27,118	27,173	3,448	3,262	11.3	10.7	11.5
GARRETT	11,509	11,474	9,902	9,922	1,607	1,552	14.0	13.5	15.7
WASHINGTON	51,108	50,724	46,488	46,459	4,620	4,265	9.0	8.4	11.2
BALANCE OF STATE	178,222	176,541	164,010	163,158	14,212	13,383	8.0	7.6	8.8
CAROLINE	11,916	11,626	10,937	10,768	979	858	8.2	7.4	8.5
CECIL	33,222	33,155	30,588	31,026	2,634	2,129	7.9	6.4	8.5
DORCHESTER	16,569	16,712	14,582	14,649	1,987	2,063	12.0	12.3	13.1
KENT	8,164	7,952	7,445	7,351	719	601	8.8	7.6	9.5
ST. MARY'S	30,506	30,193	29,171	29,012	1,335	1,181	4.4	3.9	4.8
SOMERSET	9,905	9,897	8,487	8,519	1,418	1,378	14.3	13.9	17.0
TALBOT	14,935	14,806	14,286	14,162	649	644	4.3	4.3	5.0
WICOMICO	37,023	36,635	34,725	34,376	2,298	2,259	6.2	6.2	7.2
WORCESTER	15,982	15,565	13,789	13,295	2,193	2,270	13.7	14.6	15.0
² UNITED STATES	115,725,000	115,431,000	106,685,000	106,959,000	9,041,000	8,472,000	7.8	7.3	7.8

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All data are not seasonally adjusted.

**Estimates for the state are revised.

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Source: U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding. These are estimates relating to the week of the 12th of each month. The count is of persons not jobs.

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 NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY--BY PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT
 (in thousands)
 FEBRUARY 1986

MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUPING	MARYLAND			BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA		
	FEB. '86	JAN. '86	FEB. '85	FEB. '86	JAN. '86	FEB. '85
Total Nonagricultural Employment	1870.3	1870.9	1815.3	1012.8	1014.8	991.7
Manufacturing	208.8	210.4	215.4	131.5	132.9	139.9
Durable Goods	109.6	110.6	115.7	74.8	75.8	80.9
Lumber and wood products	3.8	3.5	3.5	*	*	*
Millwk., plywd., & structural members	1.9	1.7	1.7	*	*	*
Furniture and fixtures	3.4	3.1	3.5	*	*	*
Stone, clay and glass products	6.4	6.7	6.2	4.1	4.2	4.3
Concrete, gypsum & plastic products	3.9	4.1	3.9	*	*	*
Primary metal industries	13.9	14.2	16.6	12.5	12.9	15.2
Blast furnace and basic steel products	11.1	11.3	12.5	11.0	11.2	12.4
Fabricated metal products	8.3	8.7	8.4	5.7	6.0	6.1
Fabricated struc. metal products	4.0	4.3	4.1	2.5	2.8	2.7
Machinery, except electrical	16.2	16.5	18.9	9.8	10.1	11.3
General industrial machinery	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.9	1.0	1.0
Electric and electronic equipment	38.9	39.1	39.3	26.9	27.1	27.3
Communication equipment	27.6	27.8	26.6	20.5	20.6	19.8
Transportation equipment	13.8	13.8	14.4	9.7	9.8	10.3
Ship and boat building and repair	1.2	1.3	2.3	1.0	1.0	2.1
Instruments and related products	3.1	3.1	3.0	1.9	1.9	1.7
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	1.8	1.9	0.9	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	99.2	99.8	99.7	56.7	57.1	59.0
Food and kindred products	26.0	26.2	26.0	12.5	12.4	13.6
Meat products	6.3	6.2	6.3	*	*	*
Preserved fruits and vegetables	2.5	2.8	2.9	*	*	*
Beverages	4.8	4.8	4.7	3.1	3.2	3.0
Textile mill products	1.0	1.0	1.1	*	*	*
Apparel and other textile products	10.6	10.8	11.8	6.6	6.7	7.7
Men's and boys' suits and coats	2.7	2.7	3.0	2.5	2.6	2.8
Men's and boys' furnishings	1.6	1.6	2.4	*	*	*
Paper and allied products	9.6	9.7	9.8	6.9	7.0	7.2
Printing and publishing	27.9	28.1	27.3	14.4	14.5	14.3
Newspapers	6.3	6.4	6.3	*	*	*
Books	2.9	2.9	3.3	*	*	*
Commercial printing	11.0	11.1	10.6	5.6	5.8	5.7
Chemicals and allied products	12.7	12.7	12.5	9.6	9.8	9.7
Industrial inorganic chemicals	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.4	2.4	2.4
Soap, cleaners, and toilet goods	*	*	*	2.8	2.8	2.7
Rubber and misc. plastic products	9.2	9.2	9.2	5.2	5.2	5.1
Misc. plastic products	6.2	6.2	5.8	4.0	4.0	3.9
Petroleum/coal & leather products	2.2	2.1	2.0	*	*	*

*Estimates are not published for all industry categories.

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NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY--BY PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT (CON'T)
(in thousands)
FEBRUARY 1986

MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUPING	MARYLAND			BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA		
	FEB. '86	JAN. '86	FEB. '85	FEB. '86	JAN. '86	FEB. '85
Nonmanufacturing	1661.5	1660.5	1599.9	881.3	881.9	851.8
Mining	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.1
Construction	120.6	125.9	113.0	59.1	62.4	53.6
Heavy construction contractors	11.4	12.2	11.5	6.6	7.1	6.4
Transportation and public utilities	88.5	89.3	88.1	56.3	57.1	57.7
Railroad transportation	6.2	6.2	7.2	4.6	4.6	5.3
Transportation, except railroads	43.0	43.7	41.5	24.7	25.4	25.3
Trucking & warehousing	24.7	25.0	23.6	11.6	11.9	12.0
Communications, elec., gas & sanitary serv.	39.3	39.4	39.4	27.0	27.1	27.1
Communication, except U.S. postal service	24.7	24.8	24.7	17.1	17.2	17.1
Electric, gas and sanitary service	14.6	14.6	14.7	9.9	9.9	10.0
Wholesale and retail trade	464.1	468.7	451.6	240.1	242.4	236.7
Wholesale trade	103.1	103.4	100.6	60.1	60.6	59.4
Machinery, equipment & supplies	*	*	*	13.6	13.6	13.5
Petroleum & petroleum supplies	2.8	3.0	3.2	*	*	*
Retail trade	361.0	365.3	351.0	180.0	181.8	177.3
General merchandise stores	43.7	45.8	43.1	20.2	21.5	19.9
Department stores	38.0	40.1	37.6	*	*	*
Nonstore retailers	5.9	7.1	8.1	*	*	*
Finance, insurance and real estate	113.5	112.7	105.3	69.4	68.7	64.5
Banking	27.2	27.2	25.2	17.2	17.1	15.6
Commercial & stock savings banks	25.2	25.1	23.3	*	*	*
Credit agencies except banks	17.0	16.9	15.9	9.8	9.7	9.5
Savings & loan associations	8.6	8.6	8.2	4.6	4.6	4.5
Insurance carriers	23.8	23.6	21.7	18.3	18.1	16.5
Services	474.3	471.0	452.4	250.3	249.3	238.8
Health services	123.9	123.9	120.9	74.1	74.5	72.4
Private hospitals	62.3	62.2	63.4	40.7	40.7	41.1
Private educational services	30.3	28.4	27.7	21.8	20.2	20.2
Elementary & secondary schools	10.0	10.0	9.5	6.3	6.3	5.9
Colleges, univer., prof. sch. & jr. college	17.5	15.5	15.6	14.3	12.7	13.1
Miscellaneous services	40.0	39.8	37.2	18.1	18.2	16.8
Noncommercial ed., sci. & research organ.	7.6	7.5	7.0	5.5	5.4	5.1
Total government	398.8	391.2	387.9	205.9	201.8	200.4
Total federal government	138.9	139.7	135.8	55.5	55.7	53.9
U. S. Dept. of Defense	48.9	49.0	47.0	20.0	19.9	19.0
U. S. Postal service	16.2	16.2	13.8	7.9	7.9	7.2
Other federal government	73.8	74.5	75.0	27.6	27.9	27.7
Total state and local government	259.9	251.5	252.1	150.4	146.1	146.5
Total state government	90.7	87.2	86.1	63.8	62.5	61.6
State hospitals	11.8	11.7	11.7	8.9	8.8	8.8
Public universities & colleges	28.6	25.4	26.0	10.6	9.6	9.9
Other state government	50.3	50.1	48.4	44.3	44.1	42.9
Total local government	169.2	164.3	166.0	86.6	83.6	84.9
Public elementary & secondary school, community coll. & library	103.9	99.2	101.6	51.4	48.9	49.7
Non-education	65.3	65.1	64.4	35.2	34.7	35.2

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The count is of jobs, not workers. It includes full and part-time wage earners who worked during or received pay for the pay period including the 12th of the month. The figures are estimated based on a monthly survey of almost 6,500 employers. Data are benchmarked to the first quarter of 1985.

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Includes Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Queen Anne's counties.

*Estimate are not published for all industry categories.

DATA IN THIS TABLE AVAILABLE ON A COMPARABLE BASIS FROM 1978 TO DATE
CURRENT DATA PRELIMINARY--PREVIOUS MONTH REVISED

PREPARED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

NET NUMERICAL CHANGE IN MARYLAND'S NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT
BY MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP
(jobs counted by place of work)
FEBRUARY 1986

MAJOR INDUSTRY CATEGORY	JANUARY '86-FEBRUARY '86	FEBRUARY '85-FEBRUARY '86
Total Nonag. Payroll Emp.	-600	+55,000
Manufacturing	-1,600	-6,600
Durable goods	-1,000	-6,100
Lumber & wood prod.	+300	+300
Furniture & fixtures	+300	-100
Stone, clay & glass prod.	-300	+200
Primary metal industries	-300	-2,700
Fabricated metal prod.	-400	-100
Machinery exc. electrical	-300	-2,700
Elec. & electronic equip.	-200	-400
Transportation equip.	0	-600
Instru. & related prod.	0	+100
Miscellaneous mfg.	-100	-100
Nondurable goods	-600	-500
Food & kindred prod.	-200	0
Textile mill prod.	0	-100
Apparel & textile prod.	-200	-1,200
Paper & allied prod.	-100	-200
Printing & publishing	-200	+600
Chemicals & allied prod.	0	+200
Rubber & misc. plastic prod.	0	0
Other nondurable goods	+100	+200
Nonmanufacturing	+1,000	+61,600
Mining	0	+100
Construction	-5,300	+7,600
Transportation & public util.	-800	+400
Railroad transportation	0	-1,000
Transp. exc. railroads	-700	+1,500
Communications & public util.	-100	-100
Trade	-4,600	+12,500
Wholesale trade	-300	+2,500
Retail trade	-4,300	+10,000
Finance, insurance & real estate	+800	+8,200
Services	+3,300	+21,900
Government	+7,600	+10,900
Federal government	-800	+3,100
State government	+3,500	+4,600
Local government	+4,900	+3,200

SOURCE: MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS DIVISION
IN COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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ANNUAL AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT BY DETAILED INDUSTRY GROUP
STATE OF MARYLAND AND BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA, 1982-1985
(in thousands)

	STATE OF MARYLAND				BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA			
	1985	1984	1983	1982	1985	1984	1983	1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	1885.1	1814.0	1724.1	1675.8	1024.9	994.0	960.2	935.1
Manufacturing	217.1	219.4	214.1	215.3	139.7	142.8	141.8	143.0
Durable Goods	115.5	117.4	113.8	116.9	80.4	82.6	82.2	84.1
Lumber and Wood Products	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.0	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0
Millwork, Plywood, & Structural Members	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.0	*	*	*	*
Other	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	*	*	*	*
Furniture and Fixtures	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.0	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.2
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	6.9	7.3	7.1	7.5	4.6	5.2	5.2	5.6
Concrete, Gypsum & Plastic Products	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.9	*	3.1	2.9	*
Other	2.4	3.0	3.1	3.6	*	2.1	2.3	*
Primary Metal Industries	15.8	18.9	21.0	24.8	14.4	17.4	19.3	22.3
Blast Furnace & Basic Steel Products	12.3	14.0	14.2	16.8	12.2	13.9	13.9	15.8
Nonferrous Rolling and Drawing	1.9	2.9	4.9	5.7	1.6	2.8	4.6	*
Other	1.6	2.0	1.9	2.3	0.6	0.7	0.8	*
Fabricated Metal Products	8.6	8.7	8.6	9.2	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.6
Metal Cans & Shipping Containers	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.0	*	1.4	1.6	1.8
Fabricated Structural Metals	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.7	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.2
Other	3.0	2.9	2.5	2.5	*	2.1	1.8	1.6
Machinery, Except Electrical	17.8	18.6	16.1	16.7	10.8	11.2	10.6	11.0
Special Industry Machinery	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.5	*	1.7	1.7	1.5
General Industrial Machinery	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.0	0.9	1.0	*
Miscellaneous Machinery, Exc. Electrical	4.0	4.2	3.7	4.3	3.7	3.9	3.4	*
Other	10.4	11.2	9.2	9.1	*	4.7	4.5	*
Electric and Electronic Equipment	40.0	39.0	36.7	33.9	27.7	27.2	26.1	24.2
Household Appliance	1.7	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.7	2.2	1.9	*
Communication Equipment	27.8	26.2	25.6	23.6	20.6	19.6	19.2	17.6
Other	10.5	10.6	9.2	8.6	5.4	5.4	5.0	*
Transportation Equipment	14.3	13.0	12.9	13.6	10.4	8.9	8.6	8.6
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	5.4	3.6	3.6	3.3	4.5	2.9	3.1	*
Aircraft and Parts	2.4	2.8	4.7	6.1	*	*	*	*
Ship and Boat Building and Repair	2.0	2.9	2.7	3.2	1.8	2.6	2.5	3.1
Other	4.5	3.7	1.9	1.0	*	*	*	*
Instruments and Related Products	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.3
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3
Nondurable Goods	101.6	102.0	100.3	98.4	59.3	60.2	59.6	58.9
Food and Kindred Products	27.2	26.8	25.5	25.3	13.6	13.7	13.1	12.9
Meat Products	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	*	1.5	1.6	*
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	3.1	3.4	3.0	3.1	*	1.1	1.1	*
Sugar & Confectionary Prods., Fats & Oils	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	*
Beverages	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.5	3.1	2.9	2.8	*
Other	11.3	10.8	10.2	9.7	*	6.8	6.2	*
Textile Mill Products	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.5	*
Apparel and Other Textile Products	11.8	13.6	13.9	13.9	7.6	8.4	8.6	8.7
Mens' and Boys' Suits and Coats	2.8	3.1	3.4	3.7	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.3
Mens' and Boys' Furnishings	2.1	2.5	2.4	2.4	*	0.9	0.9	*
Other	6.9	8.0	8.1	7.8	*	4.7	4.7	*
Paper and Allied Products	9.9	9.9	9.7	9.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.0
Paperboard Containers and Boxes	6.5	6.5	6.4	5.9	6.1	6.2	6.1	*
Other	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	1.2	1.2	1.3	*

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STATE OF MARYLAND AND BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA, 1982-1985
(in thousands)

	STATE OF MARYLAND				BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA			
	1985	1984	1983	1982	1985	1984	1983	1982
Printing and Publishing	27.6	26.7	25.6	23.8	14.3	14.2	13.8	13.2
Newspapers	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.0	*	4.2	4.3	*
Books	3.2	3.2	3.1	2.9	*	0.9	0.8	*
Commercial Printing	10.7	10.3	9.7	9.2	5.7	5.6	5.3	*
Other	7.4	7.0	6.6	5.7	*	3.5	3.4	*
Chemicals and Allied Products	12.8	12.5	13.1	13.2	9.9	9.8	9.9	10.2
Industrial Inorganic Chemicals	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.7
Soap, Cleaners, and Toilet Goods	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Agricultural Chemicals	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	*	*	*	*
Other	6.2	5.7	6.3	6.6	*	*	*	*
Petroleum and Coal Products	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	*
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.3	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.3
Miscellaneous Plastic Products	6.0	5.4	4.7	4.7	4.0	3.7	3.1	3.2
Other	3.2	3.8	4.4	4.6	1.1	1.5	2.2	2.1
Leather and Leather Products	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.7	0.2	0.3	0.4	*
Nonmanufacturing	1668.0	1594.6	1510.0	1460.5	885.2	851.2	818.4	792.1
Construction	129.0	116.0	101.4	89.3	62.3	55.1	48.3	43.7
General Building Contractors	34.3	31.7	28.1	23.3	16.0	14.7	12.6	*
Heavy Construction Contractors	15.6	13.9	12.8	12.9	8.8	7.4	7.2	*
Special Trade Contractors	79.1	70.4	60.5	53.1	37.5	33.0	28.5	*
Transportation, Communication, and Utilities	89.7	89.2	87.1	88.0	58.3	58.9	58.3	59.5
Railroad Transportation	7.0	7.4	7.3	8.6	5.2	5.4	5.2	6.1
Transportation, Except Railroads	43.2	41.9	40.0	39.0	25.9	25.6	24.5	25.1
Local and Interurban Passenger Transit	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	*
Trucking and Warehousing	24.7	24.2	23.2	22.3	12.3	12.4	12.0	*
Trucking, Local and Long Distance	23.3	22.7	21.8	20.9	11.4	11.4	11.1	*
Public Warehousing and Trucking								
Terminal Facilities	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	0.9	1.0	0.9	*
Water Transportation	5.2	5.9	5.7	6.3	4.5	5.1	5.0	*
Water Transportation Services	4.3	5.2	5.1	5.5	*	4.5	4.4	*
Other	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.8	*	0.6	0.6	*
Transportation by Air	4.0	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.2	1.7	*
Transportation Services	4.5	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.2	2.9	2.8	*
Communications and Public Utilities	39.3	39.9	39.8	40.4	27.2	27.9	28.6	28.3
Communications	24.8	25.4	25.7	26.3	17.2	17.7	18.9	18.9
Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services	14.7	14.5	14.1	14.1	10.0	10.2	9.7	9.4
Trade	472.7	451.3	427.8	406.9	245.4	238.6	228.3	218.4
Wholesale Trade	103.1	99.3	94.9	91.7	60.4	59.1	56.7	56.3
Durable Goods	66.5	64.9	61.6	59.2	36.7	36.7	34.6	*
Nondurable Goods	36.6	34.4	33.3	32.5	23.7	22.4	22.1	*
Retail Trade	369.6	352.2	332.9	315.2	185.0	179.5	171.6	162.1
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	12.0	11.3	10.5	9.5	4.9	4.8	4.5	*
General Merchandise Stores	44.9	45.0	43.3	42.9	20.8	21.7	20.7	20.4
Food Stores	55.1	53.7	51.2	48.9	26.1	25.4	25.1	*
Automotive Dealers and Service Stations	42.1	39.9	37.4	35.3	19.2	18.6	17.5	*
New and Used Car Dealers	19.8	18.0	16.7	15.4	8.7	8.1	7.6	*
Other	22.3	21.9	20.7	19.9	10.5	10.5	9.9	*
Apparel and Accessory Stores	24.4	22.9	21.7	21.3	11.7	11.1	10.6	*

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ANNUAL AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT BY DETAILED INDUSTRY GROUP
STATE OF MARYLAND AND BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA, 1982-1985
(in thousands)

	STATE OF MARYLAND				BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA			
	1985	1984	1983	1982	1985	1984	1983	1982
Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores	22.6	19.5	16.8	15.6	10.3	9.1	8.2	*
Eating and Drinking Places	112.7	106.9	101.3	94.3	62.4	59.4	56.3	*
Miscellaneous Retail	55.8	53.0	50.7	47.4	29.6	29.4	28.5	*
Drug Stores and Proprietary Stores	13.3	12.8	12.5	12.3	*	5.7	5.6	*
Nonstore Retailers	8.0	7.2	6.9	6.4	*	5.9	5.4	*
Other	24.5	33.0	31.3	28.7	*	17.8	17.5	*
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	109.6	103.8	98.8	94.6	66.8	63.6	60.5	58.6
Banks	26.1	24.2	24.1	24.3	16.4	14.7	14.3	14.6
Credit Agencies and Other Banks	16.3	15.9	14.4	12.4	9.6	9.5	9.0	8.0
Security, Commodity Bankers and Services	3.8	3.6	3.2	2.7	3.1	3.0	2.7	*
Insurance Carriers	22.4	21.0	19.8	19.8	17.1	16.4	15.1	15.2
Insurance Agents, Brokers, and Services	9.9	9.2	9.0	8.3	5.7	5.4	5.6	*
Real Estate	29.8	28.4	26.5	25.5	14.3	14.1	13.0	*
Combined Real Estate, Insurance, Etc.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	*
Holding and Other Investment Offices	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	*
Services	472.4	464.5	413.4	386.5	248.5	235.3	220.1	205.7
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	16.1	15.5	13.6	12.9	6.5	6.0	5.3	*
Personal Services	24.6	22.9	21.9	20.6	12.7	12.1	11.6	*
Laundry, Cleaning, and Garment Services	7.6	7.2	6.7	6.4	3.7	3.5	3.5	*
Other	17.0	15.7	15.2	14.2	9.0	8.6	8.1	*
Business Services	130.5	116.6	103.4	94.2	57.9	52.4	46.0	*
Auto Repair, Services and Garages	14.7	13.1	11.8	11.0	8.8	7.9	7.1	*
Miscellaneous Repair Services	8.2	7.5	6.6	6.0	4.5	4.3	4.0	*
Motion Pictures	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	*
Amusement and Recreation Services	16.9	16.1	16.5	15.8	9.5	9.2	9.1	*
Health Services	121.9	119.0	113.5	106.0	73.0	70.8	68.5	64.6
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	19.8	19.2	18.6	17.6	10.9	10.7	10.4	*
Hospitals	62.5	62.9	60.4	56.8	40.7	40.5	39.8	38.2
Other	39.6	36.9	34.5	31.6	21.4	19.6	18.3	*
Legal Services	11.9	11.1	10.3	9.4	7.3	6.9	6.4	*
Educational Services	27.8	27.4	26.4	25.0	20.0	20.2	19.5	18.2
Private Elementary and Secondary Schools	9.5	9.4	9.7	9.8	5.9	6.1	6.2	*
Private Colleges and Universities	15.5	15.6	14.6	13.2	12.9	13.1	12.3	*
Other	2.8	2.4	2.1	2.0	1.2	1.0	1.0	*
Social Services	24.1	21.9	20.0	18.5	12.4	11.6	10.7	*
Museums, Botanical, Zoological Gardens	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	*
Membership Organizations	21.7	22.7	22.1	21.7	10.9	11.3	11.1	*
Miscellaneous Services	38.6	36.6	34.4	33.2	17.6	16.1	15.0	*
Engineering and Architectural Services	22.9	22.0	20.7	20.3	8.3	7.4	6.8	6.6
Other	15.7	14.6	13.7	12.9	9.3	8.7	8.2	*
Agricultural Services	10.1	8.7	7.7	6.8	4.7	4.0	3.5	*
Nonclassifiable	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.6	1.1	1.0	0.9	*
Mining	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Government	392.9	387.9	379.6	393.2	203.7	199.5	202.8	206.0
Federal Government	139.3	136.2	131.9	129.9	55.7	54.3	54.1	54.0
Defense	49.1	47.0	45.2	42.1	20.0	19.3	19.3	*
Post Offices	14.7	13.5	13.2	12.9	7.7	7.2	6.9	*
Other	75.5	75.7	73.5	74.9	28.0	27.8	27.9	*
State and Local Government	253.6	251.7	247.7	263.3	148.0	145.2	148.7	152.0

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ANNUAL AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT BY DETAILED INDUSTRY GROUP
STATE OF MARYLAND AND BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA, 1982-1985
(in thousands)

	STATE OF MARYLAND				BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA			
	1985	1984	1983	1982	1985	1984	1983	1982
State Government	87.9	85.5	84.0	84.8	62.6	60.8	61.7	57.6
Education	27.1	27.2	27.3	28.4	10.4	10.6	11.1	*
Non-Education	60.8	58.3	56.7	56.4	52.2	50.2	50.6	*
Local Government	165.7	166.2	163.7	178.5	85.4	84.4	87.0	94.4
Education	99.6	99.6	97.3	110.7	49.0	47.6	49.3	*
Non-Education	66.1	66.6	66.4	67.8	36.4	36.8	37.7	*

1 This table is of nonagricultural payroll employment by place of work. The count is of jobs, not workers. The data represent annual averages of full and part-time wage earners employed during the pay period including the 12th of each month. The figures are estimates and are benchmarked to the first quarter of 1985. The Baltimore Metropolitan Area includes Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties.

* Not Published

GROSS AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS

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IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

FEBRUARY 1986

MARYLAND

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	FEB. '86	JAN. '86	FEB. '85	FEB. '86	JAN. '86	FEB. '85	FEB. '86	JAN. '86	FEB. '85
MANUFACTURING	\$398.00	\$394.61	\$392.18	39.8	39.9	40.1	\$10.00	\$ 9.89	\$ 9.78
DURABLE GOODS	451.00	440.37	447.86	41.0	40.7	41.7	11.00	10.82	10.74
Lumber and wood products	271.07	301.43	270.10	39.4	43.0	37.0	6.88	7.01	7.30
Furniture and fixtures	298.80	291.44	288.72	41.1	37.8	40.1	7.27	7.71	7.20
Stone, clay and glass products	354.49	422.46	367.77	38.7	44.8	41.0	9.16	9.43	8.97
Primary metal industries	624.09	601.09	581.20	43.1	42.6	42.3	14.48	14.11	13.74
Fabricated metal products	385.63	399.14	393.46	42.8	44.3	41.2	9.01	9.01	9.55
Machinery except electrical	431.59	319.68	474.01	39.2	32.0	41.8	11.01	9.99	11.34
Electric and electronic equipment	393.74	401.21	386.13	41.1	42.1	42.2	9.58	9.53	9.15
Transportation equipment	577.92	563.62	552.51	42.0	41.2	43.3	13.76	13.68	12.76
Instruments and related products	325.01	405.76	329.67	37.4	45.9	38.2	8.69	8.84	8.63
Miscellaneous mfg. industries	305.98	328.80	293.20	36.6	38.1	40.0	8.36	8.63	7.33
NONDURABLE GOODS	345.98	349.27	334.08	38.7	39.2	38.4	8.94	8.91	8.70
Food and kindred products	300.66	306.23	283.87	36.8	37.3	36.3	8.17	8.21	7.82
Apparel and other textile products	205.87	210.80	218.96	34.6	34.5	34.7	5.95	6.11	6.31
Paper and allied products	366.63	374.11	346.33	41.9	43.1	39.9	8.75	8.68	8.68
Printing and publishing	422.58	421.88	393.72	39.2	39.8	38.6	10.78	10.60	10.20
Chemicals and allied products	453.46	456.46	468.72	42.3	42.7	43.2	10.72	10.69	10.85
Rubber and misc. plastic products	306.64	297.79	330.81	40.4	39.6	41.3	7.59	7.52	8.01

Covers an estimated 134,000 production workers.

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Excludes non-plant personnel such as executives, accounting, clerical, sales, legal, etc. Includes full and part-time wage earners during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Included in the earnings and hours are overtime work and paid leave.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES
FEBRUARY 1986

STATE REGULAR UI COMPENSATION PROGRAM

ITEM	MARYLAND			BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA		
	FEBRUARY 1986	JANUARY 1986	FEBRUARY 1985	FEBRUARY 1986	JANUARY 1986	FEBRUARY 1985
Total Initial Claims	21,206	32,524	19,091	11,731	17,421	10,710
Total Continued Claims	170,567	191,082	177,003	91,583	103,600	97,434
Total Weeks Compensated	164,624	178,451	169,077	92,478	100,829	97,513
Total Amount of Payments	\$22,090,395	\$23,697,713	\$21,911,682	\$12,876,590	\$14,028,090	\$12,969,807
Average Weekly Payment	\$134.19	\$132.80	\$129.60	\$139.24	\$139.13	\$133.01

MARYLAND FEDERAL PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	FEBRUARY 1986	JANUARY 1986	FEBRUARY 1985
Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees Program (UCFE)			
Total Initial Claims	235	328	244
Total Continued Claims	1,641	1,974	2,071
Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemen Program (UCX)			
Total Initial Claims	178	269	198
Total Continued Claims	1,118	1,276	1,346

NOTE: Included in this table are data on Maryland residents, both those who work in this state and those who work out of state. Not included are out-of-state residents who work in Maryland.

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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY --BY PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

2
MARYLAND COUNTIES IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. METROPOLITAN AREA
(in thousands)

FEBRUARY 1986

MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUPING	FEBRUARY 1986	JANUARY 1986	FEBRUARY 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	661.4	661.4	639.4
Manufacturing	35.7	35.6	34.7
Durable Goods*	18.8	18.7	18.2
Stone, clay, and glass products	1.5	1.6	1.5
Fabricated metal products	1.0	1.0	0.9
Electric and electronic equipment	9.6	9.6	9.2
Nondurable Goods	16.9	16.9	16.5
Printing & publishing*	9.9	9.9	9.7
Commercial printing	4.5	4.4	4.1
Nonmanufacturing	625.7	625.8	604.7
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.4
Construction	52.8	54.0	49.1
Heavy construction contractors	3.3	3.6	3.8
Transportation and public utilities	18.9	18.7	18.5
Railroad transportation	0.2	0.2	0.3
Transportation exc. railroads*	10.5	10.3	9.9
Trucking and warehousing	7.6	7.5	7.2
Communication, electric, gas and sanitary service	8.2	8.2	8.3
Wholesale and retail trade	172.9	174.7	169.0
Wholesale trade	32.9	32.8	32.1
Retail trade*	140.0	141.9	136.9
General merchandise stores	18.6	19.4	18.4
Finance, insurance and real estate*	36.8	36.8	34.0
Banking	7.3	7.4	7.0
Credit agencies except banks	6.2	6.2	5.4
Services*	187.2	186.1	177.2
Private educational services	6.7	6.7	6.6
Total government	157.6	155.0	156.5
Total federal government	74.1	74.7	74.2
Total state & local government	82.5	80.3	82.3
Total state government	20.1	18.9	19.7
Total local government	62.4	61.4	62.6

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The count is of jobs, not workers. It includes full and part-time wage earners employed during pay period including the 12th of the month. The figures are estimated based on a monthly sample. Date benchmarked to the 1st quarter of 1985.

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Includes Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties

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PREPARED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY--BY PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT
(in thousands)

2
WESTERN MARYLAND

FEBRUARY 1986

MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUPING	FEBRUARY 1986	JANUARY 1986	FEBRUARY 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	78.4	78.4	77.4
Manufacturing	16.8	16.9	17.7
Apparel & other textile products	1.9	1.9	1.3
Printing & publishing	1.6	1.6	1.6
Stone, clay & glass products	0.6	0.6	0.5
Fabricated metal products	0.6	0.6	0.6
Transportation equipment	1.3	1.3	1.3
Other manufacturing	10.8	10.9	12.4
Nonmanufacturing	61.6	61.5	59.7
Construction	3.2	3.7	3.5
Transportation & public utilities	5.1	5.2	5.4
Railroad	1.2	1.2	1.5
Transportation exc. railroads	2.1	2.2	2.1
Communications & public utilities	1.8	1.8	1.8
Wholesale & retail trade*	19.5	19.6	18.4
General merchandise stores	2.6	2.6	2.3
Finance, insurance & real estate*	2.6	2.6	2.6
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1
Services & mining*	15.9	16.0	15.5
Health services	6.5	6.4	6.6
Social services	1.9	1.9	1.7
Total government	15.3	14.4	14.3
Total federal government	2.0	2.0	1.8
Total state & local government	13.3	12.4	12.5
State government	4.6	4.4	4.4
Local government	8.7	8.0	8.1

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The estimates for Western Maryland include Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties.

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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY--BY PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT
(in thousands)

2
BALANCE OF STATE

FEBRUARY 1986

MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUPING	FEBRUARY 1986	JANUARY 1986	FEBRUARY 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	117.2	116.2	109.6
Manufacturing	23.0	23.3	23.1
Food & kindred products*	8.9	9.1	8.3
Meat products	5.1	5.0	4.7
Preserved fruits & vegetables	2.0	2.3	1.9
Apparel & other textile products	1.0	1.1	1.9
Lumber & wood products	1.4	1.4	1.2
Printing & publishing	2.0	2.0	1.8
Electric & electronic equipment	2.5	2.4	2.8
Other manufacturing	7.2	7.3	7.1
Nonmanufacturing	94.2	92.9	86.5
Construction	7.5	7.5	6.7
Transportation & public utilities	7.0	7.1	6.3
Railroad	0.1	0.1	0.1
Transportation exc. railroads	4.7	4.8	4.1
Communication & public utilities	2.2	2.2	2.1
Wholesale & retail trade	29.7	29.8	26.8
Finance, insurance & real estate*	4.1	4.1	4.0
Banking	1.6	1.6	1.5
Services & mining*	23.0	22.8	20.9
Health services	8.0	8.0	7.6
Total government	22.9	21.6	21.8
Total federal government	6.3	6.4	5.9
Total state & local government	16.6	15.2	15.9
State government	4.4	3.4	4.1
Local government	12.2	11.8	11.8

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The count is of jobs, not workers. It includes full and part-time wage earners employed during pay period including the 12th of the month. The figures are estimated based on a monthly sample. Data benchmarked to the 1st quarter of 1985.

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The Balance of State estimates include Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties.

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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY--BY PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT
(in thousands)
BALTIMORE CITY
FEBRUARY 1986

MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUPING	FEBRUARY 1986	JANUARY 1986	FEBRUARY 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	452.8	452.6	447.8
Manufacturing	49.8	50.3	53.7
Durable Goods*	17.1	17.3	19.2
Primary metal industries	2.5	2.5	3.8
Fabricated metal products	2.0	2.0	2.1
Machinery, except electrical	3.9	4.0	4.7
Transportation equipment	4.2	4.3	4.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing	0.7	0.7	0.7
Nondurable Goods*	32.7	33.0	34.5
Food & kindred products	8.5	8.5	8.8
Apparel & other textile products*	3.8	3.9	4.8
Men's & boys' suits & coats	1.2	1.2	1.5
Paper & allied products	2.6	2.7	2.7
Printing & publishing*	8.5	8.5	8.7
Commercial printing	3.2	3.2	3.3
Chemicals & allied products*	6.1	6.2	6.6
Industrial inorganic chemicals	1.9	2.0	2.2
Nonmanufacturing	403.0	402.3	394.1
Construction	17.6	19.0	17.0
Transportation & public utilities	30.9	31.5	32.8
Railroad transportation	2.5	2.5	2.8
Transp. except railroads*	10.4	10.9	11.3
Trucking & warehousing	5.3	5.4	5.3
Commun., electric & sanitary serv.*	18.0	18.1	18.7
Commun., exc. U. S. postal service	9.1	9.2	9.6
Wholesale & retail trade	93.0	93.2	94.5
Wholesale trade*	29.5	29.5	29.1
Machinery, equipment & supplies	6.4	6.4	6.3
Petroleum & petroleum products	0.9	0.9	1.1
Retail trade	63.5	63.7	65.4
Finance, insurance & real estate*	43.6	43.2	41.3
Banking	12.9	12.9	11.9
Credit agencies & other banks	5.7	5.6	5.9
Insurance carriers	11.7	11.7	10.9
Services & mining*	127.8	126.6	122.4
Health services	41.6	41.4	40.8
Legal services	5.6	5.5	5.4
Educational services	16.2	15.0	14.7
Social services	6.6	6.6	6.3
Misc. services*	6.0	6.0	5.6
Engineering & architectural serv.	2.8	2.8	2.6
Total government	90.1	88.8	86.1
Total federal government	16.0	15.9	15.5
Total state & local government	74.1	72.9	70.6
Total state government	38.1	37.4	34.8
Total local government	36.0	35.5	35.8

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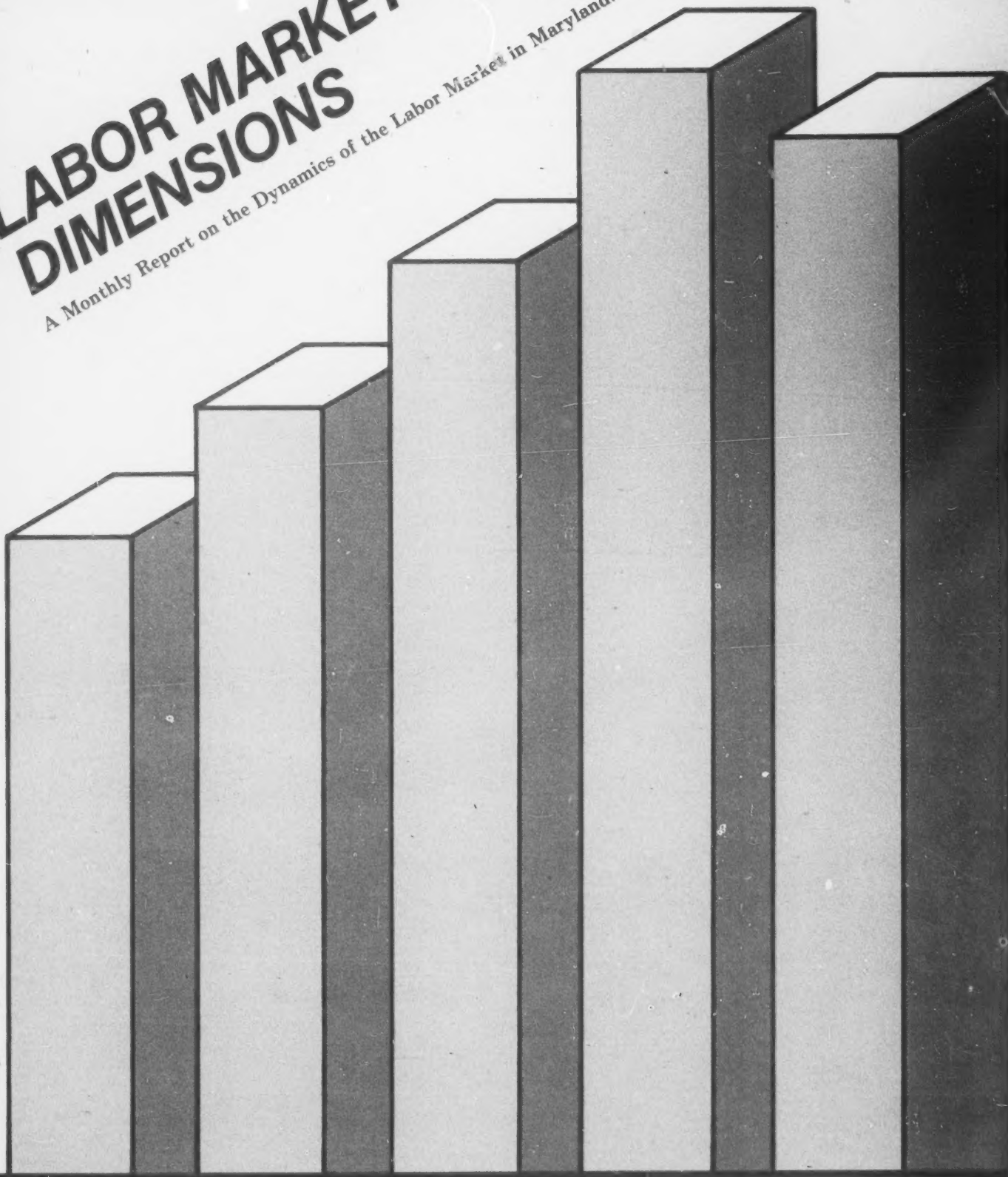
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MARCH, 1986

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

(PERSONS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE)

MARYLAND'S MARCH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECREASED TO 4.5 PERCENT

Maryland's unemployment rate decreased from 5.1 percent in February to 4.5 percent in March, as warming weather enhanced job opportunities. The civilian labor force increased by an estimated 23,112 persons during March. Employment gains of 34,020 outnumbered unemployment losses of 10,908.

LABOR MARKET IMPROVED WITH SPRING HIRING

With the improving labor market, additional persons entered the labor force in search of employment. Jobs increased during March in construction, retail trade stores, eating and drinking places, hotels, amusement and recreation services, business and health services, agribusiness, and higher education. Only in food processing were layoffs observed. As further evidence of the labor market's springtime upturn, claims filed for unemployment insurance subsided between February and March. Claims decreased especially in construction as well as in manufacturing, eating and drinking places, agriculture, hotels, business services, and public administration. At least 1,000 claims were filed during March in the industries of construction, food processing, eating and drinking places, business services, and public administration. Unemployment insurance claimants comprised 46.1 percent of the total March unemployment.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT LOWEST MARCH LEVEL SINCE 1973

The unemployment rate's decrease by 0.6 percentage points this March matched the decrease experienced last March. Since 1970, the March unemployment rate increased only in 1975. A further decrease in unemployment is expected for April. This decrease in unemployment followed a gain of 0.5 in January and 0.2 in February. The rate was at its lowest level for a March since 1973. In March, 1985, the rate was higher by 0.4 percentage points at 4.9 percent.

Labor force and employment hit new records for the month of March. Since March, 1985, the labor force had expanded by an estimated 28,398 persons, with employment gains of 34,818 outpacing unemployment losses of 6,420.

MARYLAND'S UNEMPLOYMENT BELOW NATIONAL RATE

Maryland's unemployment remained significantly below the national unemployment rate, in March by a full 3 percentage points. National unemployment decreased to a lesser extent than Maryland's from 7.8 percent in February to 7.5 percent in March. While Maryland's unemployment rate had fallen from its level a year ago, national unemployment stayed at its March, 1985 rate. In February, only four states had lower unemployment rates than Maryland.

The national black unemployment rate decreased from 14.9 percent in February to 14.7 percent in March. Reported annually, Maryland's unemployment rate among black persons was 9.3 percent in 1984.

UNEMPLOYMENT DECREASED IN ALL COUNTIES EXCEPT CHARLES

Unemployment rates decreased during March in all Maryland counties except Charles, whose rate remained at February's level. Rates ranged during March from 2.1 percent in Montgomery County to 13.1 percent in Somerset County. Howard, Charles, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties enjoyed unemployment rates below 3 percent during March. Meanwhile, Allegany, Garrett, Dorchester, Somerset, and Worcester suffered from double-digit unemployment.

Western Maryland had the state's highest unemployment during March, the rate falling from 10.2 to 9.2 percent. Unemployment in the Balance of State dropped from 7.8 to 6.9 percent. In the Baltimore Metropolitan Area, unemployment slipped from 5.8 to 5.2 percent. For February, 184 out of 262 metropolitan areas had higher unemployment rates than the Baltimore area. Baltimore City's

rate dropped from 7.5 percent in February to 6.8 percent in March. As its unemployment fell from 2.9 to 2.7 percent, Maryland's suburbs of the

Washington, D.C. metropolitan area enjoyed the lowest unemployment statewide.

Industry Payroll Employment

(JOBS BY PLACE OF WORK)

EMPLOYMENT HIT NEW RECORD FOR MARCH

In March, Maryland's nonagricultural wage and salary employment hit a new record for that month of the year, totaling 1,890,300 jobs. Employment exceeded last March's total by 41,200 jobs. After decreasing by 58,700 between December, 1985 and February, 1986, employment registered a seasonal increase of 21,000 jobs during March. Last March the springtime expansion began at a faster pace of 33,800 jobs, after a wintertime decrease of a lesser 54,300 jobs.

Springtime hiring began in the CONSTRUCTION industry during March, as 6,300 jobs were added. Between November, 1985 and February, 1986, the wintertime layoffs had totaled 15,800. In March, 1986, a greater 7,600 jobs were added, after a less severe three-month slowdown during which 11,600 jobs were lost.

The SERVICES industry also expanded by 6,300 jobs between this February and March. Seasonal hiring was noted in hotels and lodging places, amusement and recreation services, private colleges and universities, and agricultural services. Other hiring was noted in business services and health services. Last March the job expansion was greater at 8,100, with more hiring especially in business services. This March's hiring followed gains of 3,900 in February, which exceeded the hiring of 2,400 during last February.

Employment in TRADE rose by 4,800 jobs during this March with seasonal hiring in building materials and garden supplies, general merchandise stores, food stores, apparel and accessory stores, and eating and drinking places. Last March more rapid hiring throughout trade resulted in a greater job expansion of 7,700. Between December, 1985 and February, 1986, 31,000 trade jobs were lost, compared to a lesser loss of 26,700 during that two-month period in 1985.

As public schools engaged in seasonal hiring, GOVERNMENT employment rose by 2,200 jobs between February and March. Employment at public colleges and universities increased by 1,900

during March, while community colleges and local board of education added 300 workers. Government jobs expanded by 7,000 during February. Last year the seasonal hiring was concentrated more in March, as government jobs increased by 3,800 in February then by another 6,500 in March.

Also during March, transportation employment grew by 800 jobs, with limited hiring in trucking, water transportation, and elsewhere. Jobs in finance, insurance, and real estate increased by 500 over the month.

MANUFACTURING employment grew by an insignificant 100 jobs during March. This followed a drop of 6,400 jobs between November, 1985 and February, 1986. Among the manufacturing categories, jobs fell by 500 over the month in food processing and by 200 each in electric and electronic equipment and in rubber and plastics. Meanwhile, employment grew by 400 in stone, clay, and glass products and by 200 jobs each in transportation equipment and chemicals. Last March manufacturing added a sizable 2,600 jobs with 1,000 of those jobs in apparel and textiles, 500 in stone, clay, glass products, and 400 in food processing.

Employment growth between March of 1985 and 1986 was pervasive in nonmanufacturing industries. Services added 20,700 jobs, trade 8,800, finance/insurance/real estate 7,900, government 6,000, construction 5,700, and transportation 1,500. Meanwhile, no manufacturing category can be classified as a growth industry. Manufacturing jobs had declined by 8,700 over the year. The major declining industries included primary metals, down by 2,800 jobs since last March; nonelectrical machinery, down by 2,500; and apparel and textiles, down by 2,000.

In the BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA, nonagricultural payroll employment increased by 9,000 during March and by 12,500 from March, 1985. The area's total of 1,020,600 jobs for March represented 54.0 percent of the employment statewide.

Hours and Earnings

AVERAGE weekly earnings of production workers in Maryland's manufacturing industries increased by \$11.02 between February and March to \$407.62. Average weekly hours lengthened by 0.9 hours to 40.6, while average hourly earnings increased by 5 cents to \$10.04. Workweeks lengthened with more overtime and longer scheduled workweeks. The largest increase of 5.9 hours was reported in stone/clay/glass products. Workweeks shortened during March only in fabricated metals. Hourly earnings increased in 11 out of 16 reported manufacturing categories, usually due to more

overtime or higher incentive pay. The largest increase was 37 cents in fabricated metals. Only in transportation equipment and chemicals did hourly earnings decrease by a noticeable amount. Average workweeks ranged during March from 36.6 hours in food processing to 44.5 in stone/clay/glass products. Hourly earnings ranged from \$5.98 in apparel and textiles to \$14.82 in primary metals. Since March, 1985, average workweeks had decreased by 0.1 hours, while average weekly earnings had risen by \$20.97 or 5.4 percent.

Unemployment Insurance Activities

INITIAL claims filed in March, 1986 were down 18.5 percent from the volume in February, as fewer claims were filed by workers in the primary metals and apparel industries. Continued claims rose 2.7 percent, weeks compensated increased 1.4 percent, and the amount of payments rose 1.4 percent. The average weekly check amount increased slightly to \$134.44.

INITIAL claims for the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees program were down 9.4 percent and continued claims increased 7.1

percent. Initial claims for the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers programs were up 9.6 percent and continued claims rose 5.7 percent.

For the BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA, initial claims declined 19.8, continued claims rose 4.6 percent, weeks compensated increased 2.3 percent, and the amount of payments rose 1.7 percent. The average weekly check amount decreased slightly to \$138.41.

Consumer Price Index

As announced by the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX for all items, measured at 326.0 for March, had decreased by 0.5 percent from February and increased by 2.3 percent from March, 1985. The index means that a market basket of consumer goods and services costing \$10 in 1967 now costs \$32.60. At 307.8, the index for food and beverages showed essentially no change

from February while increasing by 2.1 percent from last March. In the Baltimore Metropolitan Area, the index for all items registered 331.1 for March, falling by 0.3 percent from January and rising by 3.2 percent from last March. The index for food and beverages, at 312.8, was down by 0.3 percent over two months and up 2.8 percent over the year.

Recent Publications of the Research and Analysis Division

Employment and Payrolls Covered by the Unemployment Insurance Law of Maryland, 3rd quarter 1985.

STATE OF MARYLAND
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

MARCH, 1986

AREA	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE		EMPLOYMENT		UNEMPLOYMENT		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	MARCH	FEBRUARY**	MARCH	FEBRUARY**	MARCH	FEBRUARY**	MARCH	FEBRUARY**	MARCH '85
MARYLAND	2,248,369	2,225,257	2,146,868	2,112,848	101,501	112,409	4.5	5.1	4.9
BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA	1,095,195	1,087,651	1,038,168	1,024,119	57,027	63,532	5.2	5.8	5.5
BALTIMORE CITY	378,975	376,499	353,153	348,374	25,822	28,125	6.8	7.5	7.2
ANNE ARUNDEL	186,792	185,105	179,883	177,449	6,909	7,656	3.7	4.1	4.0
BALTIMORE	326,924	324,467	311,294	307,081	15,630	17,386	4.8	5.4	5.2
CARROLL	50,883	50,960	48,459	47,803	2,424	3,157	4.8	6.2	4.4
HARFORD	73,886	73,488	69,807	68,863	4,079	4,625	5.5	6.3	5.8
HOWARD	64,237	63,623	62,762	61,913	1,475	1,710	2.3	2.7	2.6
QUEEN ANNE'S	13,498	13,508	12,810	12,637	688	871	5.1	6.4	5.1
D. C. AREA	877,786	865,869	854,458	840,476	23,328	25,393	2.7	2.9	3.0
CALVERT	22,601	22,339	21,723	21,367	878	972	3.9	4.4	4.1
CHARLES	46,449	45,703	45,247	44,507	1,202	1,196	2.6	2.6	2.8
FREDERICK	71,278	70,921	68,606	67,483	2,672	3,438	3.7	4.8	4.3
MONTGOMERY	352,667	347,628	345,187	339,539	7,480	8,149	2.1	2.3	2.4
PRINCE GEORGE'S	384,790	379,219	373,695	367,580	11,095	11,639	2.9	3.1	3.2
WESTERN MARYLAND	93,560	93,094	84,959	83,602	8,601	9,492	9.2	10.2	9.7
ALLEGANY	30,692	30,544	27,522	27,153	3,170	3,391	10.3	11.1	10.2
GARRETT	11,558	11,479	10,148	9,912	1,410	1,567	12.2	13.7	13.6
WASHINGTON	51,310	51,071	47,289	46,537	4,021	4,534	7.8	8.9	8.5
BALANCE OF STATE	181,833	178,641	169,286	164,649	12,547	13,992	6.9	7.8	7.3
CAROLINE	12,283	11,956	11,415	10,989	868	967	7.1	8.1	7.2
CECIL	33,442	33,189	31,145	30,606	2,297	2,583	6.9	7.8	6.6
DORCHESTER	16,865	16,608	14,956	14,655	1,909	1,953	11.3	11.8	11.3
KENT	8,654	8,180	7,970	7,482	684	698	7.9	8.5	7.4
ST. MARY'S	31,279	30,611	30,014	29,284	1,265	1,327	4.0	4.3	4.4
SOMERSET	10,250	9,898	8,910	8,512	1,340	1,386	13.1	14.0	15.7
TALBOT	15,168	15,011	14,710	14,365	458	646	3.0	4.3	3.7
WICOMICO	37,452	37,176	35,508	34,898	1,944	2,278	5.2	6.1	5.7
WORCESTER	16,440	16,012	14,658	13,858	1,782	2,154	10.8	13.5	11.8
² UNITED STATES	116,309,000	115,725,000	107,643,000	106,685,000	8,667,000	9,041,000	7.5	7.8	7.5

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All data are not seasonally adjusted.

**Estimates for the state are revised.

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Source: U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding. These are estimates relating to the week of the 12th of each month. The count is of persons not jobs.

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NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY--BY PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT
(in thousands)
MARCH 1986

MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUPING	MARYLAND			BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA		
	MAR. '86	FEB. '86	MAR. '85	MAR. '86	FEB. '86	MAR. '85
Total Nonagricultural Employment	1890.3	1869.3	1849.1	1020.6	1011.6	1008.1
Manufacturing	209.3	209.2	218.0	131.6	131.5	141.1
Durable Goods	110.0	109.5	116.6	74.8	74.7	81.5
Lumber and wood products	3.8	3.8	3.6	*	*	*
Millwk., plywd., & structural members	2.0	1.9	1.6	*	*	*
Furniture and fixtures	3.4	3.4	3.5	*	*	*
Stone, clay and glass products	6.8	6.4	6.7	4.4	4.1	4.5
Concrete, gypsum & plastic products	4.2	3.9	4.3	*	*	*
Primary metal industries	13.8	13.8	16.6	12.5	12.6	15.2
Blast furnace and basic steel products -	11.0	11.1	12.6	11.0	11.0	12.5
Fabricated metal products	8.3	8.3	8.5	5.7	5.7	6.2
Fabricated struc. metal products	4.0	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.5	2.7
Machinery, except electrical	16.3	16.3	18.8	9.8	9.9	11.4
General industrial machinery	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.9	0.9	1.0
Electric and electronic equipment	38.8	39.0	39.5	26.9	26.9	27.3
Communication equipment	27.7	27.7	26.8	20.5	20.5	19.8
Transportation equipment	13.8	13.6	14.4	9.6	9.6	10.4
Ship and boat building and repair	1.0	1.2	2.1	0.8	0.9	1.9
Instruments and related products	3.1	3.1	3.0	1.9	1.9	1.8
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	1.9	1.8	2.0	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	99.3	99.7	101.4	56.8	56.8	59.6
Food and kindred products	25.9	26.4	26.4	12.5	12.5	13.7
Meat products	6.1	6.3	6.4	*	*	*
Preserved fruits and vegetables	2.6	2.9	2.9	*	*	*
Beverages	4.8	4.8	4.8	3.2	3.2	3.1
Textile mill products	0.9	1.0	1.1	*	*	*
Apparel and other textile products	10.8	10.8	12.8	6.6	6.6	8.0
Men's and boys' suits and coats	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.8
Men's and boys' furnishings	1.8	1.7	2.4	*	*	*
Paper and allied products	9.7	9.6	9.9	7.0	7.0	7.3
Printing and publishing	27.9	27.8	27.4	14.4	14.3	14.3
Newspapers	6.4	6.4	6.3	*	*	*
Books	2.9	2.9	3.3	*	*	*
Commercial printing	11.0	11.0	10.6	5.6	5.6	5.7
Chemicals and allied products	13.0	12.8	12.6	9.7	9.7	9.8
Industrial inorganic chemicals	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.4	2.4	2.4
Soap, cleaners, and toilet goods	*	*	*	2.8	2.8	2.7
Rubber and misc. plastic products	9.0	9.2	9.2	5.1	5.2	5.1
Misc. plastic products	6.1	6.2	5.8	4.0	4.1	3.9
Petroleum/coal & leather products	2.1	2.1	2.0	*	*	*

*Estimates are not published for all industry categories.